

## **DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD MEETING**

**December 15, 2014**

**4-5:30pm**

**Conference Room A**

**Department of Administration**

**Board Members Present:** Ken Payne (Chair), Marion Gold, Charity Pennock, Hannah Morini, Bill Ferguson, Sam Bradner, Christine Malecki West, Sheila Dormody, Sharon Conrad Wells.

**Others Present:** Chris Kearns, Sue AnderBois, Shauna Beland, Seth Handy, Danielle Burns, Harrison Fried, Ben Swanson, Michael Daley, Linda George, Bill Behling, Eric Martin, Karen Bradbury

### **Call to order**

Mr. Payne called the meeting to order at 4:07pm. Mr. Payne began the meeting by outlining the process and engagement of the voting and non-voting members of the Board and Sustainable Energy Advantage (SEA) in developing the ceiling prices and other aspects of the 2015 Renewable Energy Growth (REG) Program over the last 6 months. Mr. Payne outlined the process for tonight's meeting and voting on each item.

### **Consideration of the November 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Bradner motioned to adopt the minutes from the November 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and was seconded by Ms. Dormody and Mr. Ferguson. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes. Ms. Dormody motioned to adopt the minutes from the November 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and was seconded by Ms. Malecki West. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes.

### **Recommended 2015 Ceiling Prices**

Mr. Ferguson motioned to approve the 2015 ceiling prices and was seconded by Ms. Conrad Wells. There was no discussion by the Board members about the ceiling prices. The Board voted unanimously in approving the recommended 2015 ceiling prices.

### **Recommended 2015 Megawatt Allocation Plan**

Mr. Ferguson motioned to approve the 2015 megawatt allocation plan and was seconded by Ms. Pennock. Ms. Bradner asked what was the timeframes for the tariff enrollment?

Mr. Kearns said they would be contingent on when the Public Utility Commission (PUC) renders a decision on the Board's recommendations. The first enrollment would likely occur in late spring or early summer. The Board voted unanimously in approving the recommended 2015 megawatt allocation plan.

### **Recommended Small Solar Program Recommendations by National Grid**

Mr. Ferguson motioned to approve the program parameter recommendations for the small solar category under the 2015 REG Program. The Board voted unanimously in approving the recommended Small Solar Program process and rules.

### **Recommendation on National Grid's proposed 2015 REG Program Tariff and Application Documents**

Mr. Ferguson motioned to provide general support the tariff and application documents that National Grid submitted to the PUC and it was seconded by Ms. Dormody. However, the Board recognized that there may be unexpected matters within the National Grid documents that the Board didn't envision creating any challenges for renewable energy developers, businesses and homeowners to participate in the 2015 REG Program. The Board voted unanimously in supporting National Grid's filing.

### **Recommendation to Utilize Department of Administration Legal Services for the REG Report Filing**

Ms. Malecki West motioned and was seconded by Mr. Ferguson and Ms. Dormody to have the Department of Administrations - Legal Office file the Board's Report and Recommendations to the PUC. The Board voted unanimously in approving the filing.

**Public Comment**

Seth Handy commented on 75% percent of the megawatt allocation being committed to solar and not enough of the capacity being allocated to wind.

Michael Daley thanked the Board for developing a strong 2015 program that will create a strong renewable energy jobs market this upcoming year.

Mr. Payne entertained a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ms. Dormody and Ms. Pennock. The meeting ended at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Kearns

Secretary Pro-tempore